

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 30, 2020*

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, due to a personal matter, I was unable to make votes on Monday, July 27th. Had I been present, I would have voted "YEA" on Rollcall No. 167.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 30, 2020*

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, due to COVID-19 travel restrictions, which impacted my flight options, I was not present in the House and unable to vote on July 27, 2020.

Had I been present, I would have voted "YEA" on Rollcall No. 167.

## CENTENNIAL OF AMERICAN LEGION EARL GRAHAM POST 159

**HON. BILL FLORES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 30, 2020*

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100-year anniversary of American Legion Earl Graham Post 159. American Legion Post 159 was chartered 13 February 1920 and named after First Lieutenant Cyrus Earl Graham, Texas A&M University class of 1916.

Lieutenant Graham was a member of the United States Army Air Corps and was killed in action in France on 9 November 1918.

From the beginning, The American Legion created an egalitarian organization open to membership regardless of race, gender, or religion. Post 159 has embodied these goals and has been a community-minded organization since its inception 100 years ago.

During this period, Post 159 has been dedicated to serving the local Brazos Valley community through events such as the Brazos County Fair and the historical Juneteenth Celebration, both of which were hosted on The American Legion grounds. These events saw over 1,000 people come together to embrace our community.

Post 159 of The American Legion continues its commitment to the community to this day, with programs that provide activities for local youth and veterans, as well as support for Active Duty military members currently serving overseas.

The annual Resource Fair and Veterans Assistance program provides over \$20,000 in financial assistance to veterans in need.

Madam Speaker, it is clear that The American Legion Earl Graham Post 159 has had a

significant and positive impact on the Brazos Valley during its 100-year history.

I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to recognize this significant milestone and their contributions to our veterans and to our community.

As I close today, I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country, for our veterans, and for our military men and women who protect us and for our first responders who keep us safe at home.

## RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF BULLHEAD CITY CHIEF OF POLICE BRIAN WILLIAMSON

**HON. PAUL A. GOSAR**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 30, 2020*

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the retirement of Bullhead City Chief of Police Brian Williamson, ending a career serving our country for 32 years in law enforcement.

Chief Williamson began his honorable career in 1988 by enlisting in the U.S. Army as a military police officer. He would leave the Army in 1992, only to enter public law enforcement to protect the people of Western Arizona.

After serving with the Mohave County Sheriffs Office, Chief Williamson became a patrol officer with the Bullhead City Police Department, working his way through the ranks to eventually achieve the position of chief of police, where he has served for the last nine years. This year, Chief Williamson is entering a much-deserved retirement and we in Western Arizona deeply thank him for his tireless service to Mohave County.

Madam Speaker, I want to thank Chief Williamson for his lifetime of service to our nation and offer my warmest wishes for a happy retirement. Western Arizona is safer and stronger on the back of the service provided by Chief Williamson and his officers, and I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Chief Williamson well in the next adventures life brings.

## H.R. 2, THE MOVING FORWARD ACT

**HON. RICK LARSEN**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 30, 2020*

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of medium-sized cities in Washington state and across the country who play a critical role in driving the nation's economy.

In Washington state, transportation and infrastructure mean jobs and are key to economic recovery as the nation grapples with the

COVID-19 pandemic. Recently, the House passed H.R. 2, the Moving Forward Act, a comprehensive package that invests more than \$1.5 trillion in America's transportation and infrastructure over the next five years. This includes nearly \$7 billion for Washington state's transportation network. The Moving Forward Act is part of a long-term vision to put Americans back to work, jumpstart the economy and make the transportation network smarter, safer and greener.

Although H.R. 2 significantly increases surface transportation funding, it falls short in helping the nation's medium-sized cities, like Mountlake Terrace, Lynnwood and Oak Harbor in my district. Congress must recommit to supporting medium-sized cities' efforts to improve their transportation systems and foster economic development. We can do this by increasing federal infrastructure investment.

Previously known as Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grants, the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) program awards grants to local surface transportation projects across the country. However, the BUILD program's structure can force medium-sized cities to delay or indefinitely postpone vital transportation projects.

The City of Mountlake Terrace, Washington is one example. The city applied for a BUILD grant in 2011 and 2012 to help fund the redevelopment of Main Street to facilitate economic development and affordable housing connected to the planned Light Rail station. Despite receiving among the highest economic benefit ratios by DOT, the city's population size was the main reason DOT did not fund the project.

The City of Shoreline, Washington faced a similar problem. For the past two years, Shoreline has submitted a BUILD grant application for a project to rebuild a highway interchange that will help reduce congestion and improve mobility. Although this project was highly rated and advanced to the Transportation Secretary's desk for consideration, it has not received federal funding due to its medium-sized population.

To help address these issues, I introduced the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development for Underfunded Projects (BUILD UP) Act earlier this year. The BUILD UP Act would require at least 30 percent of funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation's BUILD grant funding be awarded to cities with 10,000 to 75,000 residents. Over the past two years, cities with populations between 10,000 and 75,000 have received approximately 35 percent of BUILD funding. The BUILD UP Act would codify current DOT distribution practice and not re-route funding from other rural or urban areas.

As the country recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress must ensure medium-sized cities can access the federal resources necessary to proceed with shovel-ready infrastructure projects and to help put Americans back to work. I encourage House leadership

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and the Appropriations Committee to include a similar BUILD UP set-aside in a final FY2021 appropriations package.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ROBERT EDINGTON

**HON. TERRI A. SEWELL**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 30, 2020*

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Robert Edington, a military veteran, former Alabama State Senator and Representative, prominent Mobile area lawyer, dedicated community leader and devoted husband and father. His many years of service to his state and to his country demonstrate his patriotism, his servant heart and his commitment to our American values.

Robert Edington was born in Mobile, Alabama to Judge David Henry Edington and Cornelia Owen Edington on November 18, 1929. He studied at Rhodes College as an undergraduate and earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Alabama. In addition to his distinguished military career, Robert practiced law in Mobile, Alabama for over sixty years, establishing himself as one of the pre-eminent lawyers in the area.

A veteran, Robert served on active duty with the U.S. Navy from 1951 to 1955, and in the Navy Active Reserve from 1955 until his retirement as a Commander in 1980. Robert's exemplary service record was evident in the many awards, medals and accolades he earned throughout his years of selfless service. As Navy Air Operations Officer, Robert was awarded the Korean Service Medal with two Battle Stars; the China Service Medal; the United Nations Service Medal; and the Korean Presidential Unit Citation.

Robert further served his state and his country in the Alabama State Legislature, first as a State Representative from 1962 to 1970; and then as State Senator from 1970 to 1974. During his time in the State Legislature, Robert was instrumental in the creation of the University of South Alabama, the University of South Alabama College of Medicine and the development of Bishop State Community College. He also played a lead role in establishing the Alabama Historical Commission and was recognized for his efforts by the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Washington, D.C. with their national award.

Robert also authored legislation which created the USS Alabama Battleship Commission. Seeing his vision through, Robert served on the commission in during its creation in 1963 through 1972 and later served as its Chairman. During this period, Robert also located and arranged for the Alabama OS2U's transfer and relocation. Owing to his leadership and dedication, Robert was again appointed to the Battleship Commission in the year 2000.

Robert has also served as State President and National Director of the Navy League of the United States. In this capacity, he actively supported port visits of U.S. Navy vessels for important occasions, including Mardi Gras. He has also served as President of the CSS Alabama Association USA, where he has overseen tremendous fundraising and artifact re-

covery. Notably, he oversaw the restoration of a historic cannon which is now on display in the History Museum of Mobile.

A dedicated member of the Mobile, Alabama community, Robert was Mobile's Consul to Guatemala for twenty years and organized Mobile's first trade mission to Central America. For his efforts, he was awarded the U.S. Department of Commerce's Achievement Award.

Robert served on the National Advisory Board for the U.S. Small Business Administration. He was a member of the Mobile Kiwanis Club and the American Legion. He was named Alumnus of the Year in 2008 by Rhodes College; and served as Director of the Mobile Bar Association Volunteer Lawyer's Program. In 2007, Robert's outstanding contributions to the community were acknowledged when he received the Mobilian of the Year Award. In 2012, Robert received the distinguished honor of being named the 2012 Mobile Area Veteran of the Year.

Robert married the love of his life, Patricia Gentry, on June 2, 1962, and together they raised a son Sherard (Courtney Hollins) and a daughter Virginia. He is also survived by his beloved granddaughter, Courtney. Robert was an elder at Spring Hill Presbyterian Church where he taught Sunday school for many years. He also chaired the board of the Montreat Association.

On personal note, I am honored to call Robert and Pat Edington my dear friends and I am blessed to be influenced by their wise counsel and infectious commitment to community service. Robert led by example, dedicating his life to love of God, country, family and community. He was always willing to work to improve the lives of others. From his military career to his political and civic engagement, Robert has left an indelible mark on the city of Mobile and the state of Alabama. May we find comfort in knowing that his extraordinary legacy will live on in the many people he impacted.

On behalf of the Alabama Congressional Delegation, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the exemplary life and accomplishments of Robert Edington.

#### HONORING CLIFFORD SPIEGELMAN, PH.D.

**HON. BILL FLORES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 30, 2020*

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Clifford Spiegelman of College Station, Texas, who passed away on 14 May 2020.

Dr. Spiegelman, known as Cliff to his family and friends, was born on 15 May 1948 in Long Island, New York, to Charlie and Doris Spiegelman.

In school, he was an accomplished athlete and won numerous awards for track and other sports. He also excelled in the classroom and pursued a career in academics, receiving his bachelor of science from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1970, his master's degree in managerial economics from Northwestern University in 1973, and his Ph.D. in statistics and applied mathematics from Northwestern University in 1976.

Cliff started his career with the agency now known as the National Institute of Standards

and Technology, commonly called NIST. He later became a tenured professor at the Department of Statistics at Texas A&M University.

Serving on the faculty at Texas A&M for over 30 years, Cliff became renowned in his field and a highly sought-after expert in the application of statistical expertise to forensic science, chemistry, and medicine. In 2009, he was named a distinguished professor of statistics, the university's highest rank for faculty. His contributions to the field of statistics were further recognized in his appointment as a regents professor in 2019.

Cliff was particularly known for his helpful nature and deep commitment to justice and fairness in the criminal justice system. He was nationally recognized for his research on statistical interpretation of criminal evidence, such as bullet fragment analysis and firearm tool marks.

He was a fierce advocate of accuracy by investigators to prevent false convictions. He further expanded his advocacy through his work with the Innocence Project, testifying pro bona in evidentiary admissibility hearings and providing research that played critical roles in overturning false convictions of innocent individuals.

His commitment to justice extended outside of the courtroom as well. He served on the Texas Forensic Science Commission as well as the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission, where he worked to ensure that the death statistics of the Holocaust and other genocides are reliably reported.

Dr. Spiegelman leaves a professional legacy that is unmatched in his field. However, his proudest accomplishments were outside of the workplace.

Cliff married Dr. Katherine Bretzlaff in 1990, a fellow professor at Texas A&M. Together, they raised two daughters, Lindsey and Abigail, who each carry their parents' commitments to academic excellence, strong work ethic, and kindness to those around them.

In the tributes written by the many individuals and organizations positively impacted by Cliff's work, nearly all spoke of Cliff's pride in his family and his frequent excitement to share the achievements of his daughters.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Clifford Spiegelman's life was defined by his outstanding accomplishments as a professor, mentor, and expert in statistics, as well as his commitment to his family and friends. He will be forever remembered for his strong principles and commitment to excellence and as a devoted husband, father, and friend.

My wife, Gina, and I offer our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Spiegelman family. I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to honor the life, legacy, and service of Dr. Clifford Spiegelman.

#### CASE FOR REOPENING SCHOOLS

**HON. VIRGINIA FOXX**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 30, 2020*

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, without question, student success starts in the classroom. For months, kitchen tables have turned into study areas, living

rooms have turned into makeshift classrooms, and parents have taken it upon themselves to educate their children.

However, as we approach what would be the start of a new school year, new challenges for these families lie on the horizon.

Can parents devote more time to their children's education while maintaining their own job responsibilities?

Madam Speaker, I cannot stress this point enough: we must safely reopen schools so students do not run the risk of falling further behind.

The American people are counting on Congress to act, and we can't wait a second more.

TRIBUTE TO COL. EDWIN DENT  
SELBY

**HON. VERN BUCHANAN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 30, 2020*

Mr. BUCHANAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Col. Edwin Dent Selby of St. Petersburg, Florida, a World War II veteran who will be 100 years old on October 16, 2020. He was born in 1920 at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where his father, a career Army officer was stationed. He and his brother and sister were raised in many states and the Philippines.

After attending college at the New Mexico Military Institute, he began active duty as a 2nd Lieutenant on December 27, 1941, shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor. His training started on horseback in the Cavalry branch and later transitioned to tanks in the Armor branch. He served over three years in WW II in combat theaters in North Africa and Italy. At one time he was placed in charge of 5,000 German prisoners of war. His outstanding service led him to be assigned to a high level staff position in Italy at the Mediterranean Theater of Operations, United States Army (MTOUSA), Allied Force Headquarters, Supreme Allied Command.

Upon his return stateside he met and married 1st Lieutenant Elizabeth Moffat, a U.S. Army nurse. After post war service in Vienna, Austria, he was assigned as a tank gunnery instructor at the Armor school at Fort Knox, Kentucky. In 1957 he, his wife and four children moved to Taiwan (then Formosa) where he was an armor advisor with the Military Assistance Advisory Group (MAAG). While there, his beloved wife became suddenly ill and died. He returned to St. Petersburg, Florida, as a widower with four children 10 and under where he was placed in charge of the Army reserve units on the west coast of Florida. After over 21 years of service he retired as a Colonel in 1962.

Following his retirement, he started Selby Real Estate in St. Petersburg. It was a highly successful brokerage which eventually grew to have 100 sales associates who covered much of Pinellas County. He bought and later personally operated with his wife, Janice, a 100-acre citrus grove in Parrish, Florida, where they grew, sold and shipped worldwide 25 varieties of fruit. He later expanded the grove to include a llama and emu ranch. At the age of nearly 85 he finally retired from his third career to his home in St. Petersburg Beach

where he lives today with his wife Janice. He has enjoyed a fulfilling life of service to others and has lived very active life that included swimming, horseback riding, skiing, tennis, golf and travelling.

I appreciate this opportunity to honor him for his service and wish him a happy birthday.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOAN DOWD  
ON HER RETIREMENT AFTER 42  
YEARS OF SERVICE TO CATHOLIC  
EDUCATION

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 30, 2020*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joan Dowd who is retiring from teaching after 42 years of service to Catholic education. Joan was honored with a surprise parade at Holy Rosary School on June 6, 2020.

The daughter of Joseph and Ann Baker, Joan was born on August 22, 1952 in Pittston, Pennsylvania. Committed to her faith from a young age, she grew up attending St. Mary's Assumption Church along with her two sisters, Barbara and Joyce, and she was the third generation in her family to attend St. Mary's Assumption elementary school. Joan went on to study at St. John's High School and at Marywood University.

After graduating from college in 1976 with a degree in health and physical education and a certificate in elementary and special education, Joan was hired as the assistant girls' basketball coach at St. John the Evangelist School. She then went on to coach the girls' basketball team at St. Mary's Assumption, leading her team to a league championship.

Joan began her teaching career as a substitute at St. Anthony's School in Dunmore. In 1978, she returned to her alma mater, St. Mary's Assumption, where she taught second grade for the next 33 years. In addition to teaching her students the traditional school subjects, she helped them grow in their faith and guide them through receiving the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Joan devoted her time to the school community by volunteering for committees and extra-curricular activities, including the school's forensics team.

When St. Mary's Assumption closed its doors in 2011, Joan was undeterred and remained committed to Catholic education. She accepted a new post as the second-grade teacher at Holy Rosary School in Duryea, Pennsylvania. During her tenure as an educator, she taught generations of students and fostered lifelong relationships with her students, their parents, and her colleagues.

Joan lives in Pittston with her husband, Michael and dog, Charley. They have two sons, Kevin and Brian and one grandchild, Rory.

It is an honor to congratulate Joan on her retirement after 42 years of teaching in the Diocese of Scranton's Catholic school system. As an educator, her commitment to her students and school community was unmatched, and under her tutelage, her students received a first-rate education while learning many important life lessons. I wish her a restful and enjoyable retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LEWIS  
MERRIMAN BUTTERY

**HON. BILL FLORES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 30, 2020*

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Lewis Merriman Buttery of Lampasas, Texas, who passed away on 20 December 2008. Lewis Buttery was born on 20 March 1924 in San Angelo, Texas, to Albert James and Dorothy Hoss Buttery.

On his 18th birthday, just 3 months after the attack on Pearl Harbor, he attempted to enlist in the United States Navy. He had hoped to join his older brothers in service—one, an Army artillery officer, and the other, a naval aviator. Unfortunately, Lewis was denied enlistment at that time due to health issues.

This denial only strengthened his resolve to serve his country. Each month he attempted to enlist until he was finally accepted and sworn in on 20 October 1942.

Lewis was called to Active Duty in June of 1943 and was sent to the University of Texas to continue pursuit of his engineering degree. He was later sent to Midshipmen School at Columbia University in New York. In March 1944, Lewis was commissioned as an ensign and ordered to San Francisco to complete gunnery school.

He was ultimately assigned to *USS Patrol Craft Escort 880* in Adak, Alaska, as a gunnery officer.

In preparation for the invasion of Japan, his ship was converted into a weather ship, and he became the areological, (weather) officer. The ship was transferred to the Marshall-Gilbert Islands area to transmit weather observations and to guide Army Air Corps bombers which were preparing the way for the invasion of Japan. The invasion did not occur due to the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, after which Japan quickly surrendered.

Prior to being released to Inactive Duty in the Ready Reserve in July 1946, he became the executive officer of the ship and was promoted to lieutenant junior grade.

Lewis was called back to Active Duty in June 1950 at the start of the Korean war, but his orders were canceled before he could reach his ship in San Diego. Ultimately, Lieutenant Buttery received an honorable discharge in 1954.

Following World War II, Mr. Buttery came home and finished his degree in chemical engineering at the University of Texas at Austin. He also married Virginia Kerzee in Limestone County, Texas, raised a family, and had a successful career.

Lewis was also a student of maps and cartography. Prior to the war in 1941, he completed courses in surveying and mapping at Texas A&M University and continued that avocation through the rest of his life. During his extensive work-related travels, Mr. Buttery collected numerous atlases and maps, which he and his wife later donated to the University of Texas at Arlington's Cartographic History Library.

He was a founding member of the Texas Map Society and author of numerous monograph and facsimile portfolios devoted to early Texas. One of his works, entitled, "Regional Maps of Texas: 1720–2001; Region 1 North

Texas," contains many valuable insights about the mapping history of large portions of Texas. The maps that he and Virginia donated and the works that he published will continue to educate future generations interested in cartographic history.

He was very proud of his time in the Navy and believed that it molded and shaped him throughout the remainder of his life. In recognition of this, the "Navy Hymn" was solemnly played at his funeral.

I have requested that a United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to honor the life, legacy, and service of Lewis Merriman Buttery.

As I close today, I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country in these difficult times, for our military men and women who protect us, and the first responders who protect us at home.

#### TRIBUTE TO BRUCE KENNETH NESTANDE

#### HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 30, 2020*

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an outstanding individual, Bruce Nestande, who passed away at the age of 82 on July 9, 2020. Bruce was a loving husband, father, brother, grandfather, an honorable veteran and an esteemed community leader. He will be deeply missed.

Bruce was born and raised in Minnesota and as a child developed a love of baseball. A gifted athlete, Bruce nearly turned his hobby into a career when he was drafted to the Kansas City Athletics. He decided not to sign with the team and instead enrolled himself in the Reserve Officers' Training Program at the University of Minnesota. Bruce graduated with a degree in economics and following graduation continued his studies in Quantico, VA at the U.S. Marine Corps Officer Candidates School.

After his time in Quantico, Bruce was deployed to Southeast Asia and upon return was stationed at Camp Pendleton in San Diego, CA. This sparked Bruce's love for California, the state that would be his home for the next 50 years. After his service in the military, Bruce began to work in politics. He served as a special assistant to Governor Ronald Reagan and later went on to run for elected office. Bruce was elected and served in the California State Assembly from 1974 to 1980, where he championed a diverse set of issues from land use to public safety. In 1980, Bruce was elected to the Orange County Board of Supervisors where he was a leader on projects that led to the construction of Orange County's toll roads and the maintenance of Riverside County's Prado Dam.

Politics was Bruce's greatest hobby and political discussions ran through the Nestande household constantly. His children were well versed in policy issues from a young age and two even went on to follow his footsteps into politics. As a political leader in California, Bruce garnered respect across both sides of the aisle, willing to come together with Democrats to find common ground whenever possible. Even those in Sacramento he consistently sparred with had an unwavering respect for Bruce.

I had the pleasure of knowing Bruce through his service to Southern California and can personally attest to his numerous achievements and the countless lives he touched. He was a great American, a true patriot, an esteemed leader, and a dedicated husband, father, and friend. I extend my heartfelt condolences to his wife, Pamela, to their children, Brian, Gabrielle, and Francesca, his siblings Jim and Linda, his grandchildren, and the rest of his family and friends. Bruce was preceded in death by his son Barry, and I find comfort in knowing the two of them have been reunited. Although Bruce may no longer be with us, he will continue to have a lasting impact on the lives of his family and community.

#### EXCHANGE OF LETTERS ON H.R. 7512

#### HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 30, 2020*

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following exchange of letters on H.R. 7512:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND REFORM,  
*Washington, DC, July 24, 2020.*

Hon. ZOE LOFGREN,  
*Chairwoman, Committee on House Administration,*  
*House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRWOMAN LOFGREN: I am writing to you concerning H.R. 7512, a bill to rename the House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards as the House Communications Standards Commission and for other purposes. There are certain provisions in the legislation which fall within the Rule X jurisdiction of the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

In the interest of permitting your Committee to proceed expeditiously on this bill, I am willing to waive this Committee's right to sequential referral. I do so with the understanding that by waiving consideration of the bill, the Committee on Oversight and Reform does not waive any future jurisdictional claim over the subject matters contained in the bill which fall within its Rule X jurisdiction. I request that you urge the Speaker to name Members of this Committee to any conference committee which is named to consider such provisions.

Please place this letter into the Congressional Record during consideration of the measure on the House floor. Thank you for the cooperative spirit in which you have worked regarding this matter and others between our respective Committees.

Sincerely,

CAROLYN B. MALONEY,  
*Chairwoman.*

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION,  
*Washington, DC, July 24, 2020.*

Hon. CAROLYN B. MALONEY,  
*Chairwoman, Committee on Oversight and Reform,*  
*House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRWOMAN MALONEY: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 7512, the "Communications Outreach Media Mail Standards Act," or the "COMMS Act." This bill was referred primarily to the Committee on House Administration, with additional referrals to the Committee on Oversight and Reform and the Committee on Rules.

I recognize that this bill contains provisions that fall within the jurisdiction of the

Committee on Oversight and Reform. I appreciate your Committee's willingness to be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 7512 and acknowledge that this discharge is not a waiver of future jurisdictional claims by the Committee on Oversight and Reform over this subject matter and will not prejudice your Committee with respect to the appointment of conferees if this were to be necessary.

I would be pleased to include your letter and this response in the Congressional Record during floor consideration of H.R. 7512.

Sincerely,

ZOE LOFGREN,  
*Chairperson.*

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON RULES,  
*Washington, DC, July 24, 2020.*

Hon. ZOE LOFGREN,  
*Chairwoman, Committee on House Administration,*  
*House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRWOMAN LOFGREN: This is to advise you that the Committee on Rules has had the opportunity to review the provisions of H.R. 7512, the "Communications Outreach Media and Mail Standards Act" or the "COMMS Act," that fall within our Rule X jurisdiction. I appreciate your consultation on this shared issue.

In order to expedite consideration of this legislation, the Rules Committee has no objection to this legislation proceeding without delay. Importantly, the Rules Committee does not waive any future jurisdictional claim over the provisions in this bill or their subject matters.

Please place this letter into the Congressional Record during consideration of the measure on the House floor. Thank you for your cooperation and work on this important matter that is shared between our committees.

Sincerely,

JAMES P. MCGOVERN,  
*Chairman, Committee on Rules.*

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION,  
*Washington, DC, July 24, 2020.*

Hon. JAMES P. MCGOVERN,  
*Chairman, Committee on Rules,*  
*House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

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I would be pleased to include your letter and this response in the Congressional Record during floor consideration of H.R. 7512.

Sincerely,

ZOE LOFGREN,  
*Chairperson.*

HONORING THE LIFE OF MICHAEL  
TY SPRADLIN**HON. BILL FLORES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 30, 2020*

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Senior Airman Michael Ty Spradlin of Bryan, Texas, who passed away on 5 February 2020. Known as Ty to his family and friends, he was killed in a motorcycle accident at Yokota Air Force Base in Japan.

Ty was born 5 March 1991 in Wheelock, Texas, to Theresa Lynn Spradlin and Michael Todd Spradlin. He graduated from Bryan High School in 2009 and enlisted in the United States Air Force in 2012.

Over his 8 years of service in the United States Air Force, Ty worked as a crew chief on a variety of C-130 aircraft. He traveled to many countries and enjoyed the opportunity to see the world.

During his service, Ty traveled to the Philippines, Australia, Thailand, Kuwait, and Korea. He served at three different squadrons over those 8 years, including: the 353rd Special Operations Group, Kadena Air Force Base, Okinawa, Japan; the 755th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, AZ; and the 374th Maintenance Squadron, Yokota Air Force Base, Japan.

Senior Airman Spradlin bravely served his country, and his legacy will be forever woven into our American military history. Ty was not only a proud public servant; he was a friend to all, a loving son, a brother, and an uncle.

My wife, Gina, and I offer our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Spradlin family.

I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to honor the life, legacy, and service of Senior Airman Michael Ty Spradlin.

As I close today, I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country, for our veterans, for our military men and women, and for our first responders who protect us at home.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 30, 2020*

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed the vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 167; NAY on Roll Call No. 168; NAY on Roll Call No. 169; YEA on Roll Call No. 170; NAY on Roll Call No. 171; and NAY on Roll Call No. 172.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOE NEGUSE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 30, 2020*

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, I missed the vote on S. 2163, the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys Act, a critical piece of legislation that would establish

a Commission to conduct a systematic study of the conditions affecting Black men and boys, report on the community impacts of relevant government programs, and make recommendations. I am a cosponsor of the House companion measure and support the legislation.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 167.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LAW  
ENFORCEMENT**HON. VERN BUCHANAN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 30, 2020*

Mr. BUCHANAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to law enforcement men and women who have provided distinguished service to the people of Florida's 16th Congressional District.

Law enforcement is a demanding profession that requires sacrifice, courage and a dedication to serve others. Every day, brave men and women put themselves in harm's way to enforce the laws of our society and protect public safety. They deserve our gratitude and respect.

Nine years ago, I established the 16th District Congressional Law Enforcement Awards, CLEA, to give special recognition to law enforcement officers, departments or units for exceptional achievement.

This year, I will present congressional law enforcement awards to the following winners chosen by an independent panel comprised of current and retired law enforcement personnel representing a cross-section of the district's law enforcement community:

Dedication and Professionalism: Sergeant Jeremy Beal of the Sarasota International Airport Police Department, Deputy Michael Watson of the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office, Officer Joshua Betts of the Holmes Beach Police Department and Grade One Detective Jay Gow of the City of Bradenton Police Department.

Career Service Award: Officer Daniel Griesdorn of the City of Sarasota Police Department.

Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award: Officer Ronald Dixon of the City of Sarasota Police Department and Deputy Richard Snyder of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office.

Preservation of Life Award: Officer Robert Dodge, Officer Jaime Morrison, Officer Brandon Vermillion of the City of Sarasota Police Department, Deputy Tara Burge, Deputy Joseph Paavilainen, Deputy Antonio Starnes, Deputy Ian Clark and Sergeant Angel Posada-Wilcher of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office.

Unit Citation Award: City of Sarasota Police Department Narcotics Unit, including Captain John Todd, Lieutenant Scott Mayforth, Sergeant Thomas Quinlan, Detective Rynne Copping, Detective Travis Forrister, Detective Chase Gloeckner, Detective Ed Howell, Detective John Lake, Detective Juan Sanchez and Detective Douglas Vollmer.

HONORING THE LIFE OF WAYNE  
PURSELLEY**HON. BILL FLORES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 30, 2020*

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Alvie W. "Wayne" Purselley of Waco, Texas, who passed away on 29 February 2020.

Wayne was born on 27 June 1932 in Loving, Texas, to Herman and Ida Purselley. He attended Texas A&M University and, upon graduation, was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force, ultimately serving for 22 years. He flew 6,000 hours as navigator and served as a missile launch officer before retiring as a lieutenant colonel.

Following his retirement from the Air Force, Wayne became a teacher and planetarium director for Richfield High School in Waco, where he wrote and taught the "Christ Revealed in the Stars" lecture series for many years.

Wayne was a dedicated member of Highland Baptist Church for 45 years, where he served in both leadership and teaching roles. In addition to his many roles within the church community, Wayne served as the president of the local Military Officers Association of America, Waco chapter, as well as the chairman of the McLennan County Republican Club.

Wayne served our country and community for many years, and his legacy will be forever woven into our American history.

Wayne was a committed and faithful husband to his wife, Barbara; a loving father; a committed teacher; a mentor; a community servant; and a friend to many.

My wife, Gina, and I offer our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Purselley family.

I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to honor the life, legacy, and service of Wayne Purselley.

As I close today, I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country, for our veterans, for our military men and women who protect us, and for our first responders who keep us safe at home.

## HONORING MIKE McQUAID

**HON. GREG STANTON**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 30, 2020*

Mr. STANTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Mike McQuaid, who passed away on July 25, 2020. A man of deep faith, Mike was a committed advocate for people experiencing homelessness in our community and transformed our approach to serving those in need. His empathy and focus on human dignity serve as an example to all of us, and Arizona is a kinder, more just place for his presence among us.

After a successful career in commercial real estate, Mike devoted himself to serving members of our community experiencing homelessness. What began as serving hot meals through a church community service project turned into using his professional expertise to create a comprehensive campus that would

house critical services for our neighbors in need. Today, because of Mike's leadership and perseverance, the Human Services Campus in downtown Phoenix brings together numerous local agencies to serve men and women experiencing homelessness and has become a national model for addressing one of our society's most pressing needs.

Mike was equally known for his visionary leadership as he was for his humility and kindness. Mike swept the floors of the building with the same determined focus as he negotiated deals in the halls of power. For all his hours of labor and sweat, Mike never asked for anything financial in return, drawing a salary of \$1 a month when he became the first director of the new campus. His life became an inspiration and example to executives and leaders across Arizona, and he never shied away from asking everyone to consider what it meant to love your neighbor. Always ready with a kind smile and word of encouragement, Mike continuously maintained a personal connection to the cause, befriending families in need and providing direct services where he could.

Mike will be deeply missed by his friends, family and all of those committed to justice and societal change. His work and service will be felt for generations to come and today I rise in gratitude to honor his life and legacy.

Thank you, Mike, and Godspeed.

#### HONORING THE CAREER AND SERVICE OF KEN DELACRUZ

#### HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 30, 2020*

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the retirement of Mr. Ken Delacruz, President of the Metal Trades Council at General Dynamics Electric Boat, after 46 years of service as a shipbuilder and a leader in our region.

In his time at the shipyard, Kenny has seen it all—he saw the boom years of construction on the Los Angeles and Ohio Class submarines early in his career as a welder, the lean post-Cold War years of *Seawolf* and the uncertain start of Virginia class. In recent years, he's led the workforce as the yard ramped up for steady rate construction of the Virginia class submarine, an historic expansion in work and activity that has surged hiring in the yard with a new generation of shipbuilders.

Since 1991, Kenny has served as President of the Metals Trades Council at Electric Boat, representing thousands of workers across the waterfront trades. In that position Kenny has negotiated eight collective bargaining agreements—the latest winning 85 percent approval among members in 2019. Being a labor leader in a shipyard is a tough job, but in his incredible 29 years as president Ken has earned the respect of generations of his members, management, and elected officials.

Kenny's permanent footprint on the yard will be felt in other ways as well, most importantly with his focus on the future of the workforce. In 2014, Ken was instrumental in helping to make the case to then-Labor Secretary Tom Perez during his visit to Groton about the need for federal investment in the manufac-

turing pipeline program to help new tradesmen and women gain the skills and training they need to succeed. After that visit, the eastern Connecticut workforce investment board received a \$6 million workforce innovation grant from the U.S. Department of Labor that has resulted in hundreds of pre-apprenticeship graduates acquiring entry level skills at EB. And, he led the effort re-establish and re-invigorate the apprenticeship program to ensure that the knowledge of our veteran skilled machinists and welders can be handed down to the next generation.

On a personal note, for over twenty years, Kenny has always been a good friend and confidante, who taught me a lot about his members, their amazing talents and value to eastern Connecticut, navy shipbuilding and our national defense.

As Kenny prepares for his well-deserved retirement, he can take pride in knowing that the shipyard he joined in 1976 has a more solid foundation and a brighter future thanks to his leadership and commitment to his workforce and the nation's undersea priorities. He has been a trusted ally, a committed partner and a friend to me and my office. And most important, he's been a fearless advocate for the men and women of the Metal Trades Council.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Kenny's 46 years of service to Electric Boat and our nation, and in wishing him a safe and happy retirement.

#### FREE IRAN GLOBAL SUMMIT

#### HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 30, 2020*

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following remarks by Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, the President-elect of the National Council of Resistance of Iran. Mrs. Rajavi addressed the three-day Free Iran Global Summit in July 2020 in Albania, home to thousands of members of the principal Iranian opposition group, the Mujahedin-e Khalq (PMOI/MEK).

The online summit linked Iranians and 1,000 current and former government officials, bipartisan lawmakers and international dignitaries from 30,000 locations in 102 countries.

Below are excerpts from Mrs. Rajavi's speech:

This summit echoes the voice of the Iranian people's 40-year resistance against religious dictatorship and fascism and for freedom and democracy.

This is the voice of the largest, the longest-standing, most sophisticated, and most serious organized resistance in Iran's history, with the roaring river of its martyrs' blood, and the moving chants of massacred Mujahedin members who continued to insist on their belief to the end, against the most murderous and cruel rulers.

This summit echoes calls for the clerical regime's overthrow, which were heard during successive uprisings from December 2017 and January 2018 to November 2019 and January 2020. It is the people's calls for the regime's overthrow after the conclusion of "reformer vs. principlist" theatrics that was aimed at preserving this very regime.

This summit is the voice of Resistance Units and rebellious cities across Iran who have put an end to a history of despair, in-

credulity, and inaptitude, replacing it with the pledge of "we can and we must."

Today's summit represents our enchained homeland in three of its most prominent features: A rebellious and revolutionary Iran; an Iran united in solidarity; and a free and democratic Iran of tomorrow.

We have come together to underline three monumental and historic commitments that we have pledged to accomplish.

Our first commitment is that we, the people of Iran and the Iranian Resistance, will overthrow the clerical regime and will reclaim Iran.

Our second commitment is that we, the people of Iran and the Iranian Resistance, will build a free and democratic Iran.

And our third commitment is to remain faithful to our people's sovereignty and their vote; to not seek power at any cost, but to establish freedom and justice at any cost; to never return to the dictatorships of the Shah and the mullahs. As the majority of elected lawmakers in the U.S. and Europe have pointed out, we want to establish a democratic, secular and non-nuclear Iran.

From all indications, the ruling theocracy is at the point of being overthrown.

The uprisings that spanned from December 2017 and January 2018 to November 2019 and January 2020 were not about reforming the regime. Rather, these uprisings sought to overthrow the clerics.

[The young] generation delivered the thunderous chants of "Death to the oppressor, be it the Shah or the [supreme] Leader." "We don't want the Shah or the Leader, we don't want a choice between bad and worse."

This generation chants "Our enemy is right here. They lie when they say it is America."

The Iranian Resistance relied on precise and well-documented reports to register the figure of 1,500 martyrs during the November 2019 uprising. The actual figure is much higher.

These uprisings checkmated the Iranian regime's political apologists, advocates, lobbyists, and paid operatives, by completely discrediting their deception and lies.

The regime's puppets kept saying that it would be inconceivable for the people of Iran to turn to uprisings and revolution to overthrow the mullahs.

They kept saying that change in Iran will not happen except from within the regime itself. And time and again, they repeated the mullahs' false claim about the PMOI/MEK's lack of popular support.

This explains why the mullahs and their mob of interrogators and functionaries have unleashed against the Resistance and the PMOI/MEK. They see themselves about to be overthrown and are in agony over the fact that these uprisings and rebellious youth have adopted the roadmap and the strategy of the PMOI/MEK.

The volcanic uprising in November washed away all unfounded claims.

It was proven that it is possible to inspire and organize protests.

It was proven that despite all the repression and crimes, our people have a spectacular desire and readiness to continue their uprising.

And it was proven that a force capable of overthrowing the regime has emerged and is lurking in the hearts of Iranian cities.

It is this rebellious force which, despite unrelenting arrests, empowers resistance units to constantly regroup, reproduce, and multiply themselves.

Over the past two years, the emergence of rebellious cities and the operations of resistance units against repression, aimed at breaking the suppressive atmosphere, fueling the engine of the uprisings, and mobilizing the people, have made the regime feel the clearly and vividly.



If they [the mullahs] continue to pursue their current path and course of action, namely belligerence, missile launches, terrorism, intimidation and closing ranks, they will inevitably crash head first.

If they make the slightest retreat, namely, if they change their behavior and abandon their suppression, terrorism and belligerence, then they would undermine the very existence of rule of the velayat-e faqih (absolute clerical rule).

For this reason, Khamenei calls for the creation of “a young and Hezbollahi government” and sees a monolithic Parliament and a murderous Judiciary as the only way out of the vortex of crises and the only way to preserve the regime.

The international community’s decision to activate the snapback mechanism would be the coup de grace shot to the regime’s windfall achievements under the JCPOA and the policy of appeasement.

To date, the accelerating outbreak of the coronavirus has taken the lives of at least 72,000 people in Iran.

In March, Khamenei admitted that he sought to create an opportunity and a blessing out of the coronavirus crisis.

The abnormal surging trend of the number of corona virus victims in Iran is a product of the criminal policies of Khamenei and Rouhani. The strategy of launching mass casualties as a barrier against the threat of an uprising and eventual overthrow is exactly designed to pacify and demoralize the Iranian society, rendering it hopeless and paralyzed.

During the breathtaking coronavirus crisis, the mullahs continued to launch expensive satellites into space. Concurrently, they pursued their belligerent and terrorist activities in Iraq and Syria and escalated their ominous nuclear activities to a new level.

The ruling mullahs must answer why the value of the country’s official currency has plunged so much? Why is there no ability to create jobs? Why is Iran one of the four countries in the world with the highest inflation rates?

And you must say where did Khamenei amass 100 billion dollars in his executive headquarters?

The 15 institutions and foundations under Khamenei’s control have a total of one trillion dollars’ worth of assets.

We pledged to overthrow the regime, take back Iran and restore all the violated and plundered rights of the people of Iran.

Our people must enjoy the right to be healthy, have shelter, to employment, to organize and have syndicates, autonomy for ethnic minorities, equal participation in running society’s affairs, gender equality and popular sovereignty.

They must be free of religious slavery and sexual exploitation. They must enjoy freedom of expression, opinion, and choice. They must be pulled out of poverty and be free from fear; this means ending torture, executions, and social and economic insecurity.

We have pledged to restore all these freedoms and rights. We make this pledge before the Iranian people and history. This is our pledge to 120,000 martyrs who fell for freedom.

Today, in Iran, one of the greatest battles and one of the greatest tests of our time rages on between freedom and religious fascism, between democracy and religious fundamentalism.

We urge all governments and international bodies to stand with the people of Iran in this historic showdown against the greatest threat to world peace and security.

The Iranian regime’s leaders planned to launch a major terrorist attack against the Free Iran Grand Gathering in Paris, in 2018. The terrorists in possession of the bomb were

arrested by the Belgian Police. The regime’s diplomat, who delivered the bomb, has been in jail for more than two years.

For the first time, a serving diplomat faces trial in Europe for direct involvement in terrorism. This is a great disgrace for the regime, and it shows that the regime spares no effort to commit any crime and pay any price to destroy its alternative.

The trial of the four detained terrorists as the perpetrators of this terrorist act is a necessary step. But the real decision makers were Khamenei, Rouhani, Zarif, and Intelligence Minister Mahmoud Alavi.

As I have reiterated time and again, we have not come to gain something for ourselves; we have come to sacrifice and pay the requisite price.

We are determined to restore freedom and people’s sovereignty in Iran, and this will happen.

Long live freedom. God bless the people of Iran.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF COLONEL GLENN STARNES

##### HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Colonel Glenn Starnes, who passed away on 30 March 2020.

Glenn was born 27 January 1959 as the second son of Charles and La Verne Starnes. He graduated from Texas A&M University in 1981 and was commissioned as an officer in the United States Marine Corps.

Colonel Starnes led a life of service to both his country as a decorated marine and to the Texas A&M community as a member of the Office of the Commandant’s staff.

Glenn served in the Marines for 30 years and commanded at every level, from field artillery battery to field artillery regiment. While serving his country, he was stationed in seven States and two countries. He fought in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom through two tours of duty in 2003 and 2005. Glenn also served on joint duty with the U.S. Central Command and later served as an exchange officer with the United Kingdom’s Joint Headquarters.

Colonel Starnes was awarded the Legion of Merit with two Gold Stars, the Bronze Star with Combat “V” Device, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star, and the title of Officer of the Order of the British Empire from the Queen of England.

After 30 years of service Glenn retired from the Marine Corps in 2011.

In 2012, Colonel Starnes joined the Texas A&M University community as Assistant Commandant for Operations and Training for A&M’s internationally recognized Corps of Cadets.

In his 8 years on this job, Glenn was a tireless worker who loved the Corps and the opportunity to serve as mentor for many of its members.

He was highly respected by his colleagues, and many Aggies feel fortunate enough to call him friend. Colonel Starnes’ 30 years of dedicated service embody the core values of Texas Aggies: respect, excellence, leadership, loyalty, integrity, and selfless service. His loss will be deeply felt by the Texas A&M community and the Corps of Cadets.

Madam Speaker, Colonel Starnes served his country proudly for many years, and his legacy will be forever woven into our American history. He was not only a dedicated public servant, he was a loving son, a husband, a father, an effective mentor, and a loyal friend to hundreds.

My wife, Gina, and I offer our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Starnes family.

I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation’s Capitol to honor the life, legacy, and service of Colonel Glenn Starnes.

As I close today I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country, for our veterans, for our military men and women who keep us safe, and for our first responders who keep us safe at home.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Mr. LAHOOD. on Monday, July 27, 2020, I missed votes due to flight delays. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 167.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Mr. HOLDING. Madam Speaker, due to unforeseen circumstances, I was unable to attend votes. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Rollcall No. 144; NAY on Rollcall No. 145; NAY on Rollcall No. 146; NAY on Rollcall No. 147; NAY on Rollcall No. 148; NAY on Rollcall No. 149; NAY on Rollcall No. 150; NAY on Rollcall No. 153; NAY on Rollcall No. 154; YEA on Rollcall No. 155; YEA on Rollcall No. 156; YEA on Rollcall No. 162; NAY on Rollcall No. 163; YEA on Rollcall No. 164; NAY on Rollcall No. 168; NAY on Rollcall No. 169; YEA on Rollcall No. 170; NAY on Rollcall No. 171; and NAY on Rollcall No. 172.

#### FRANKLIN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

##### HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the bicentennial celebration of Franklin First United Methodist Church in Franklin, Kentucky. Shortly after the town was surveyed in 1820, the Union Church was established where Presbyterians, Methodists and Baptists would all hold services. Franklin First would go on to have an incredible two-hundred-year history, producing numerous servant leaders and engaging in missionary work that would spread beyond the 1st District. Members of this church have proven to be steadfast leaders across the globe. In 1874, Mrs. Dorinda Duncan organized the first Children’s

Missionary Society in Kentucky, In 1887, Miss Nannie B. Gaines served as a missionary in Hiroshima, Japan, going on to become the first principal of the initial girls' school in Hiroshima. She laid the foundation for the modern 21st century educational institution of Hiroshima Jogakuin, which now encompasses kindergarten, junior high, high school and university students. John T. Tigert was named Bishop after obtaining his undergraduate degree at Vanderbilt University, where he was part of the university's inaugural graduating class. His brilliant leadership moved the church forward in numerous ways. His son, John J. Tigert, Jr., would continue his father's legacy of leadership by becoming a Rhodes Scholar, College Football Hall of Fame inductee and President of the University of Florida. To ensure the future growth of the church, Doug Wilson planted the idea of building a Christian Life Center that was completed in 1996. This building offered after-school programs for children and helped to instill the values of the church in the next generation. Franklin First has seen numerous congregates go on to be ordained as Methodist ministers or serve as local pastors. This track record of success demonstrates their desire to spread the lessons they learned at Franklin First beyond just their membership. The lessons they learned from Miss Nannie B. Gaines are still seen in the church through their international missionary work. The church routinely leads trips to Haiti and Honduras, and in 2020 they sponsored 41 educational scholarships for children from the region. Franklin First also participates in numerous local missionary projects through Room in the Inn and Good Samaritan, while also organizing an annual Trunk or Treat event that provides a safe place for local community children. Throughout the past 200 years, this church has faithfully served Simpson County in numerous ways. I am proud to recognize Franklin First United Methodist Church for the incredible work they have done not only in their community and state, but throughout the entire world.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LIEUTENANT COMMANDER DENNIS LEE HASSMAN

**HON. BILL FLORES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 30, 2020*

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Lieutenant Commander Dennis Lee Hassman, Jr., of College Station, Texas, who passed away on 12 April 2020.

Lieutenant Commander Hassman graduated from Texas A&M University in 1988 and subsequently enlisted in the United States Navy.

During his 20 years in the Navy, he served as a Remote Control Mission Commander and E-2C Airborne Mission Commander. Lee also served as a Naval Flight Officer and Antiterrorism/Force Protection Officer. In 2005, Lieutenant Commander Hassman received an MBA from the Naval Postgraduate School.

In 2008, Lee retired from the Navy and returned to Texas A&M University to serve as a member of the Office of the Commandant's staff and as a cadet training officer for A&M's internationally recognized Corps of Cadets.

During this time, he worked closely with cadets, providing guidance and direction to cadets at the unit, major unit, and Corps levels.

Madam Speaker, Dennis served his country proudly for many years, and his legacy will be forever woven into our American history. The passing of Lieutenant Commander Hassman will be deeply felt by all of those in the Texas A&M community and by his family and his friends.

My wife, Gina, and I offer our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Hassman family.

I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to honor the life, legacy, and service of Lieutenant Commander Dennis Hassman.

As I close today, I ask all Americans to continue praying for our country during these difficult times, for our veterans, for our military men and women who protect us, and for our first responders who keep us safe at home.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. GUY RESCHENTHALER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 30, 2020*

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Madam Speaker, quarantining in accordance with the Attending Physician's guidance after extensive interactions with an individual who tested positive for COVID-19. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 168; NAY on Roll Call No. 169; YEA on Roll Call No. 170; NAY on Roll Call No. 171; and NAY on Roll Call No. 172.

HONORING MARY M. BLACK

**HON. GREG STANTON**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 30, 2020*

Mr. STANTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Mary M. Black, who passed away on March 21, 2020. A woman of courage and conviction, Mary relentlessly fought for a better life for our state's children and families. For 35 years, she served as chief executive of Black Family and Child Services of Arizona, an agency she founded after encountering systemic inequities in our state's child welfare system. Because of Mary's work, the needs and hopes of families of all backgrounds have been elevated and heard, and we are better for her presence among us.

Mary was a fearless champion of children. Having grown up in rural Louisiana with loving parents who endowed her with a strong sense of self-esteem, Mary's work was grounded in her firm belief that all children deserve a safe and supportive home. After graduating from Grambling State University, Mary became a social worker in Arizona's child welfare system, where she became acutely aware of the hardships faced in trying to place Black children in foster care and adoptive families. She responded with leadership and faith, dedicating herself not only to finding loving and caring homes for Black children, but also developing policies and programs that valued children of color and treated all families with dignity and respect. Mary's vision resulted in the founding of Black Family and Child Services of Arizona, which has become one of the

state's most respected nonprofit social services agencies. Since its inception, the agency has kept families together, found foster and adoptive homes for children in need, and created prosperity and opportunity for Arizonans of all races and backgrounds. Mary and her pioneering work have been recognized numerous times for its innovation and focus on human dignity.

Mary's passion and leadership have inspired Arizonans to do justice, to love kindness and to keep fighting to ensure all children grow up in safe and supportive homes. We join her family in grief and gratitude, thankful that we bore witness to her work in Arizona and confident that her legacy will be felt for generations. Godspeed, Mary.

IN HONOR OF BISHOP L.D. SKINNER, SR.

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 30, 2020*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay homage to an outstanding man of God, dedicated servant, and dear friend of longstanding, Bishop L.D. Skinner, Sr. Bishop Skinner transitioned from labor to reward on Saturday, July 18, 2020, at the age of 69. His homegoing service will be held on Friday, July 31, 2020, at the River Mill Event Centre in Columbus, Georgia. He leaves behind a loving family, a dedicated church family, and an appreciative community for his extraordinary life of serving God and humankind.

Bishop L.D. Skinner, Sr. was born in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, to the union of Richard, Sr. and Alethia Bembyr Skinner. He always had a thirst for knowledge and improving himself. A highly educated man, Bishop Skinner graduated from the North Carolina College of Theology with a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies, A Master of Arts in Theology, and a Doctor of Theology Degree. He also earned a Doctor of Divinity Degree from Christ United Theological School.

He was a man of God who was devoted to his calling. He was the Founder and Senior Pastor of the Bread of Life Christian Center and the Founder and Presiding Prelate of Explosion Ministries Fellowship of Interdenominational Ministers. A gifted teacher and mentor, Bishop Skinner guided many in their ministerial calling.

But Bishop Skinner also knew that involvement in his community was an integral part of his calling as a Minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Accordingly, he was involved in many social and civic organizations that had as their purpose the uplift of humankind. He served as Vice President of the Columbus Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, Vice President of the Columbus NAACP, Chaplain and Counselor at the House of Mercy, Volunteer Chaplain at Jack T. Rutledge Correctional Institution, a member of Dr. Creflo Dollar's Ministerial Association, Board Member of the Columbus Salvation Army, the Columbus NAACP, and the Urban League of Greater Columbus.

A man of many talents, he was also a gifted author. During his lifetime, he authored four



books to include: Overcoming Grasshopper Mentality; How to Whip Negative Thinking in Eleven Easy Steps; Prayer an Awesome Weapon; Encounters with God; and his final publication, Ordered Stops. These books help to impart his message as given by God to a broader audience as he impacted the world for Jesus Christ.

Mother Teresa once said that "At the end of life we will be judged by whether we lived to the standard set by Jesus who said: 'I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat. I was naked, and you clothed me, I was homeless, and you took me in.'" Bishop L.D. Skinner, Sr. lived his life to help other people because of his love for Jesus Christ, and humankind is better because he traveled this way.

Bishop Skinner accomplished much in his life, but none of it would have been possible with the Grace of God and the love and support of his wife, partner and co-laborer in the ministry, Lady Ruth McDaniel Skinner, his three sons, Darius, Darnell, and Darryl and his eight grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by his family but will also be missed by his community and all of those that he touched in his unique way.

On a personal note, I will always appreciate the support that Bishop Skinner provided me over the years. As he did for so many others, his counsel and wisdom provided me with an unvarnished truth that helped me to deal with tough issues. He always had an open door and an open heart. For that, I will be forever grateful.

Madam Speaker, my wife, Vivian and I along with countless others throughout Georgia and the nation salute Bishop L.D. Skinner, Sr. for his distinguished accomplishments in the ministry and his humble service to humankind. I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join us in extending our deepest sympathies to Bishop Skinner's family, friends, loved ones, and all those who mourn during this difficult time of bereavement. We pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF EDWIN H. COOPER

#### HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Edwin H. Cooper of Robertson County, Texas. Edwin passed away on 29 April 2020.

Edwin was born 3 September 1930 to Margaret and Leslie Cooper. He graduated from San Marcos High School in 1949 and enrolled in Texas A&M University, where he was a proud member of the fighting Texas Aggie band.

While at Texas A&M, Cooper was also a member of the Alpha Zeta Fraternity (scholastic) and was a distinguished student.

During the summer of 1951, Edwin married his high school sweetheart, Peggy Jean Martin.

In 1953, Edwin received a bachelor of science in wildlife management and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army. He attended Armor Basic

Camp in Fort Knox, Kentucky, before being assigned to the Second Armored Division in Baumholder, Germany.

After his honorable discharge, Edwin returned to Texas and his family to work as an Assistant Agriculture County Agent in Travis County.

Edwin's professional career combined his two loves: wildlife and Texas A&M University. Beginning as a specialist in wildlife conservation, he worked his way up to Director of Office School Relations and Coordinator of Special Projects—Education Information Services, all at Texas A&M University.

Edwin's professional experience also included specialist in wildlife conservation at the Texas Agriculture Extension Service, Assistant to President Earl Rudder, Director of Civilian Student Activities, Assistant to President Jack K. Williams, Director of Admissions; Dean of Admissions and Records, Director—Office of School Relations, and Coordinator of Special Projects—Education Information Services, all at Texas A&M University.

Mr. Cooper is the author of four books, including one entitled: "Forty Years at Aggieland," published in 2013, which detailed his career at Texas A&M.

Upon his retirement, Edwin and his wife, Peggy, moved to Camp Creek Lake in Robertson County, where he continued to enjoy fishing, hunting, and spending time outdoors with his family and friends.

Edwin's civic involvement included Vice President of the Bryan-College Station Jaycees, President of the Brazos County A&M Club, Councilman of the Texas A&M Association of Former Students, and Vice President of the Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce, and Board of Directors of the Aggie Band Association.

Mr. Cooper has served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the A&M Consolidated Independent School District, chairman of the Board of the St. Joseph Hospital, Class Agent of the Texas A&M Class of 1953, President of the Executive Committee of College Board-Southwest Region, and Trustee to College Board. He also served 2 years as chairman of the National Membership Committee of College Board. Edwin was enthusiastically involved in Methodist church activities in Bryan-College Station and in Franklin, Texas.

Madam Speaker, Edwin served his country proudly for many years, and his legacy will be forever woven into our American history. Edwin was not only a public servant; he was a proud Texas Aggie, a devout Methodist, and a committed family man. I will always remember Mr. Cooper because his signature is affixed to my Texas A&M diploma.

My wife, Gina, and I offer our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Cooper family. I have requested that a United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to honor the life, legacy, and service of Edwin H. Cooper.

As I close today, I urge all Americans to continue to pray for our country during these difficult times, for our veterans, for our military men and women who protect us, and for our first responders who keep us safe at home.

#### HONORING SEVEN SPRINGFIELD POLICE OFFICERS

#### HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to seven fine Springfield police officers after 25 years of service to their community. These men have dedicated their lives to serving and protecting Springfield, and their absence will be felt throughout the Springfield Police Department. They are shining examples of what it means to wear the badge and have served as strong role models for their fellow officers.

Maj. Greg Higdon, Sgt. Justin Gargus, Cpl. Chris Welsh, Capt. Kevin Grizzell, Lt. Chris Wells, Lt. Mark Schindler, and Sgt. David Stone are members of the Springfield Police Department's 39th Police Academy and have each earned the Springfield Police Department's Life-time Achievement Award. These men have not hesitated to risk their own safety for the good of their community, and Springfield is better for it.

Whether acting as the department's top commanders, the leading expert in gang activity, or head of the Zone 1 Patrol Division, these men have enriched and protected their community. The city of Springfield is grateful for their service and I join Springfield residents in wishing each of them the very best as they embark on their next chapters.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Madam Speaker, on Monday, July 27, 2020, I missed roll call vote No. 167. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. BOB GIBBS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Mr. GIBBS. Madam Speaker, due to a medical test in my home state of Ohio, I was unable to attend the vote series on July 29, 2020. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 168, NAY on Roll Call No. 169, YEA on Roll Call No. 170, NAY on Roll Call No. 171, and NAY on Roll Call No. 172.

#### HONORING COLONEL DAVID MCINTYRE, PH.D.

#### HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Dr. David McIntyre of College Station, Texas, who passed away on 8 June 2020.

Dr. McIntyre was born on 13 May 1949, in Houston, Texas, to David and Mary McIntyre. From a young age, Dave felt a sense of duty and a call to selfless service which guided him throughout his life. He followed this call to the United States Military Academy at West Point where he was commissioned as armor officer in 1971. Following graduation from Airborne School and U.S. Army Ranger School, Dave was assigned as a scout platoon leader and jumpmaster in the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg in North Carolina.

Over 30 years of dedicated service, Dave traveled all over the United States and to more than 45 foreign countries. He served with an armored cavalry reconnaissance unit at the Czechoslovakian border, flew to the base of Mt. Everest in a Russian Mi-17 Hip helicopter, participated in the changing of the guard with the Gurkha Rifles at the Khyber Pass, and led a delegation to Angkor Wat.

In addition to his many years of service in the field, Dave placed great focus on academics and serving our country through education. He graduated with honors from the Command and General Staff College and earned his first master's degree from Auburn University. He then went on to serve as a professor of English literature at West Point while earning a Ph.D. from the University of Maryland. After 30 years of service, Dave retired as a colonel from his post as Dean of Faculty and Academics at the National War College in Washington, D.C.

In June 2008 Dave was appointed to the National Security Education Board by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the Senate. He served on this board for 4 years until 2012. From 2010 to 2014 he was a Distinguished Visiting Fellow at the Homeland Security Studies and Analysis Institute in Washington, D.C. His time in D.C. also included providing congressional testimony and national strategic documents for the Army Chief of Staff and serving on the National Board of Directors of the InfraGard National Members Alliance. In addition to serving on many other boards and committees, he also served as a board member of the Homeland Security and Defense Education Consortium.

Following his retirement, David accepted a position as a professor at Texas A&M University through his role as founding director of the Texas A&M Bush School of Government and Public Service graduate Certificate in Homeland Security program, his legacy of expertise in homeland security will live long through the knowledge and expertise he shared with his students.

Also, while serving as a professor at Texas A&M, Dave continued to advise the U.S. Government on many projects and published a series of textbooks on homeland security. Dave also spoke at conferences and events as a premier subject matter expert of homeland security.

Dave's life was dedicated to his call to service, and through this journey he met his wife, Cathy. Together they raised two sons who share their father's spirit of service. He relished spending time with his family and seven grandchildren at home in College Station, Texas.

I first met Colonel McIntyre when he and I ran for this congressional seat in 2010. As I got to know him, I found him to be a fierce competitor, a policy expert, a committed public servant, a man of integrity, and an ultimate gentleman. I can tell you firsthand that we will miss his contributions to Brazos Valley and to our Nation.

Madam Speaker, Dr. David McIntyre's life was defined by his outstanding accomplishments as Army officer, professor, an expert in homeland security, as well as his commitment to his family and friends. He will be forever remembered as a true leader in his field, a devoted husband, father, and friend.

My wife, Gina, and I offer our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the McIntyre family. I have requested that the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to honor the life, legacy, and service of Dr. David McIntyre.

As I close today, I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country during these difficult times, for our veterans, for our military men and women who protect us, and for our responders who keep us safe at home.

HONORING DEACON WILLIAM  
FRANCIS XAVIER KANE

**HON. SETH MOULTON**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 30, 2020*

Mr. MOULTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life and service of an American patriot and decorated Army veteran, Deacon William Francis Xavier Kane. Kane was an Army intelligence officer during the Vietnam War, serving in small communities alongside a South Vietnamese battalion. Kane was seriously injured in the line of duty, leaving him hospitalized. Due to Kane's valor during the war, he was presented with a Bronze Star and

Soldier's Medal for Heroism. In the years following his brave service in the Army, Kane went on to have a long career as a special agent in the FBI.

Kane's service to our country did not stop with his astounding career in the military and FBI. After four years studying at St. John's Seminary located in Brighton, Massachusetts, Kane was ordained a Permanent Deacon for the Archdiocese of Boston. After devoting himself to a life of spirituality, he then found his true vocation. Serving as the director of prison ministry for the Archdiocese of Boston, Kane provided spiritual support and comfort to those in need during their incarceration. Kane also took up Spanish to have better communication with the many Spanish-speaking inmates he assisted. Kane was once asked what led him to this type of work, and he responded with a quote by Irish poet Bobby Sands: "There is no place more lonely than the prison cell."

In 2001, Kane founded the Holy Family Parish Mission after a trip to the Dominican Republic. Kane believed that mission work could help individuals empathize with those who are impoverished, and in turn, deepen their capacity for compassion and love. In 2016, Kane received the John C. DeDeyn Jr. Achievement Award from his alma mater, Niagara University, in recognition of his service to others.

Madam Speaker, Deacon William Kane lived a life of service for the United States government and its citizens. The Coronavirus pandemic has claimed the lives of more than 150,000 Americans. Deacon Kane is one of the 2,083 veterans counted among that total. Kane was a dementia patient under the care of the VA at the time of the Coronavirus breakout. He passed away May 10th. The vision of the VA is "to provide veterans the world-class benefits and services they have earned—and to do so by adhering to the highest standards of compassion, commitment, excellence, professionalism, integrity, accountability, and stewardship." I believe it is evident that they have fallen short in their duties. In a VA where all but one of the patients in a specific unit have contracted this generation's most contagious virus, it is clear that adequate protections were not provided to Deacon Kane as well as the other patients in the unit.

As a member of the Armed Services Committee and an advocate for veteran's rights, I call upon the House to investigate this occurrence further and remain committed to using all of the powers this office affords me to protect veterans, and all Americans, from this virus and the leaders in this country who have failed to accept the responsibility to fight it.